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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action of July 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please make amendments to the specification according to the following.

Page 1, amend the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 as follows:

A device of the type specified above is described and illustrated in the international patent application WO 00/69542 in the name of the present applicant, published on November 23, 2000. The aforesaid prior patent application refers to a process for obtaining a filtering body for filtering particulate of diesel engines, which is made of a ceramic foam produced starting from a suspension (slurry) with a base of ceramic material, preparing a ~~perform-preform~~ of expanded polymeric material and impregnating the said ~~perform-preform~~